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Shutdown Study Voted On POPE'S DEATH LEADS WORLD'S NEWSMEN TO ROME Dining Room, Bedrooms

Authorization for the House Operations Committee to close the dining room for dinner hours during the summer months and to curtail sleeping room service, if a study indicates these economies are feasible, was voted by the Board of Governors at its initial meeting Tuesday.

The measures, together with expansion of bar and Bistro service, were voted following acceptance of a report by treasurer *Matthew Huttner*, embracing proposals for economies totalling \$18,500 and new revenues of \$45,000.

The report revealed a deficit for the fiscal year ending April 30 of \$52,000, together with a cash position of \$57,500. Delinquent dues of \$26,000 were cited.

The deficit was broken down into \$43,800 for the first five months and \$8,400 for the final seven, after deduction of \$5,000 for extraordinary income.

The board also authorized the House Operations Committee to "spark up dinner at the bar and enhance the Bistro", and to prepare a "banquet and party campaign" expected to raise \$5,000 during the year. Special committees to conduct a drive for 300 new members, and to seek means of raising \$25,000 in extraordinary income, were also authorized.

A program of expanded "newsmaking" activities by the club, including weekly press luncheons and other programs to make OPC the "top press platform in the United States," with full cooperation of the City administration, was proposed by president *Barrett McGurn*.

Appointment of *John Wilhelm* as chairman of the House Operations Committee, assisted by First Vice President *Will Yolen* and secretary *Will Oursler* as vice-chairman, was announced by the president.

The president also re-appointed *Victor Riesel* as chairman of the Free-

Cuba, the big cold war, the little hot wars, JFK's and Mr. K's actions and all the other international newsmakers were pushed aside on the front pages this week as the world's press stood vigil at the Vatican.

The death watch ended Monday when Pope John XXIII succumbed, and now the coverage of a successor is underway. How long this will take appeared to be

anybody's guess. It will be at least from 15 to 18 days. Pope John was elected after at least 11 ballots, but his predecessor was chosen on only the second round of voting.

A poll of major media taken by *The Bulletin* at press time showed that among the correspondents covering the event were:

Herald Tribune: *Sanche de Gramont*; *The New York Times*: Rome-based *Arnaldo Cortesi*, and *Paul Hoffman*, Madrid bureau chief.

Hearst Headline Service: *Bob Con-sidine*; *Serge Fliegers* from Paris, and *Frank Coniff*.

AP: *Hugh Mulligan* from NY; Rome bureau chief *Allan Jacks* (in charge); *Leslie Priest*, and *Douglas Wittleton*, from London and *Spartaco Bodini*, Paris.

UPI: *Daniel Gilmore*, London news manager; *Ernest Sakler*, Rome; *William Sunderland*, Italy manager, and *Sheila Walsh* of Rome. (UPI fotogs included *Toni Caione*, *Luciano Mellace* and *Massimo Ascani*.)

The radio-TV coverage included: *NBC*: Mediterranean director *Irving R. Levine*, *Merrill Mueller*, *Joseph C.*

JOE THESE DATES ON YOUR

CALENDAR



Tues., June 11 - Open House for



Peters

Joe Peters, just returned on home leave from lengthy Yugoslavian assignment. Cocktails 6:30 p.m., 10th floor lounge. Dinner 7:30 p.m. Reservations.

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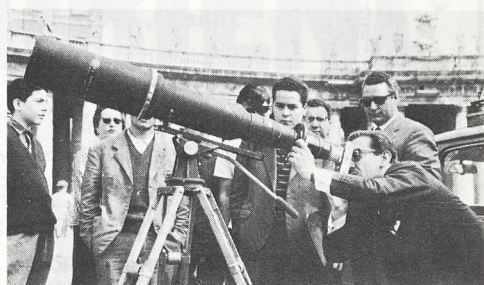
Thurs., June 13 - Reception honoring 20 journalists from NATO countries. Cocktails, 10th floor lounge, 6:30 p.m.

Tues., June 18 - Open House: *Paul M.G. Levy*, Director of Information for the Council of Europe. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Reservations please. (See page 7)

Thurs., June 20 - Book Night: "The Forgotten People" by *Seymour Freiden*. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m.

Fri., June 21 - Reception for debut of *Lawrence G. Blockmann's* book, "Alone No Longer." 10th floor lounge at 5:30 p.m.

Tues., June 25 - Welcome Home Party for OPC Charter Flight. Cocktails 10th floor lounge. 6:30 p.m. Details later.



ROME - *Toni Caione*, UPI photographer in Rome, uses a long-range lens in St. Peters square during the death watch for Pope John XXIII. The lens was aimed at the window of the Papal apartment where the Pope died on June 3. (UPI Telephoto)

Harsch, *Russell Tornabene*, *Robert Priaulx*, *Adrian Console*, *Digby Jones*, *Chris Callery* and *Carlo Brillarelli*.

CBS: *Blaine Littell*, Paris chief; *Windston Burdette*, Av Westin, and others.

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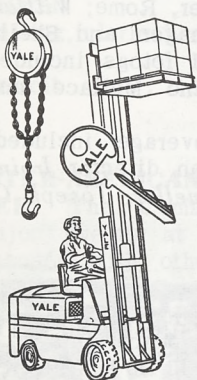


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Overseas Ticker



..... Edited by AL PETERSON

BELGRADE....from JOE PETERS

A fine bunch of looking correspondents we were the other day while "covering" the Tito-Nasser meeting at Brioni. We spent 4 days waiting at the Hotel Riviera in Pula just 2 miles from Brioni or chasing the presidential pair through Istria and Slovenia — only to get our news by telephone from Belgrade 450 miles away. Too late, of course.

Not once did we get any direct info about the powwows. Even the final communique was not given us on the spot; we read it next day in the Yugoslav papers. These were the worst press arrangements your correspondent has encountered here since arriving two years ago. Officials were apologetic afterwards but it didn't eradicate the bitter taste.

Among the bored and disgruntled on this adventure were **David Binder**, NY Times; **Anatole Shub**, NY Herald-Tribune; **Don Roussinoff**, British Middle East Agency; **Borislav Boskovic**, AP; **Vera Farquar**, Reuters; **Emile Guikovaty**, AFP; **Akira Hashimoto**, Kyodo News Service; **Hiroshi Nakajima**, Asahi Shimbun; and **Said Wadir**, MENA, an Egyptian who was particularly peeved since he could not even get to Brioni while his Yugoslav counterpart from Tanjug got all the breaks.

To make this wasted journey more ridiculous, your correspondent jinxed three cars in which he hitch-hiked for more than 1,000 miles. Leaving Belgrade with **Hiroshi Nakajima** in his brand new Volkswagen we hit a cow just before reaching Zagreb. Actually, the cow jumped on the car. It's the truth. We drove on to Zagreb with smashed windshield, hood, right fender and headlight through a heavy thunderstorm, arriving soaking wet.

Next day we continued in Hashimoto's ancient Hillman. Its right-hand drive was no fun on the winding roads to Pula. And the reverse gear failed to work. Then we missed the welcome to Nasser at Brioni.

Next, your correspondent hitched up with **David Binder** in his wonderful Fiat inherited from **Mike Handler** in Vienna. Chasing the presidents through Slovenia it developed asthma and coughed and coughed till it finally gave up. After mechanical cures, we reached Bled, only to find out that Tito had taken his guest to Brod, a closed mountain retreat miles away.

Every cop, school kid and waiter knew the itinerary except us correspondents. In the end everyone returned safely to Belgrade but with professional

pride bruised by someone's bureaucratic bungling.

Offsetting these annoyances, your correspondent was pleased by two OPC visitors bearing cherished news and gifts. **Bill Berns** flew into town and his old Yugoslav friends flocked around. He flooded the city with World's Fair promotional pamphlets and gave me a beautiful black World's Fair tie with lots of perispheres which I hope to wear on my trip to Venus.

The cockles of my heart warmed anew when **Mary Joe Connolly** arrived with the inaugural Pan Am NYC-Belgrade flight and brought me two OPC old-fashioned glasses. This immediately called for slivovitsa on the rocks and a hearty "na zdravlje" to Mary Joe.

Another visitor was **Ed Walsh** who left the OPC charter flight in Rome to come over... Your correspondent flew back to NYC on the return leg of the Pan Am inaugural flight and will stay about 5 weeks before returning.

WASHINGTON...from JESSIE STEARNS

May Craig, correspondent here for Guy Gannett newspapers, spoke before the Senate Press Secretaries Assn., the first woman to do so... **Paul R. Weick** was transferred here as chief of bureau for Albuquerque Journal. He was former mng. editor of Rawlins (Wyo.) Daily Times.

David W. Secrest, White House correspondent for McGraw-Hill, is new prexy of local chapter of Sigma Delta Chi. Other officers taking over July are: **Pat Munroe**, veep; **David VonSothen**, treasurer; **David A. Swift**, secty; and **Lloyd Norman**, Newsweek, board director.

Robert J. Manning, Asst. Secty. of State for Public Affairs, accompanied Secty. of State **Dean Rusk** to NATO ministerial council meeting in Ottawa last month.

Many OPCers attended the May 24 White House press dinner at which President Kennedy was honored guest. They included: **Leonard Allen**, and **Julian Goodman**, from NBC; **Blair Clark** and **George Herman** from CBS; **Robert Hurleigh**, MBS; **William Randolph Hearst Jr.**, **Bob Considine** and **Frank Conniff** from Hearst Newspapers.

Time-Life was represented by **John Mulliken**, **Roy Rowan**, **Bernard Yudain**

Editor This Week: **Bob Dunne**
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Charles E. Campbell, Jr.
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Acting Managing Editor: **Marge Eklund**

and Jerry Hannifin. Jaroslav Endrst was there for RFE. Also: Art Buchwald, NY Herald Tribune; Frederick Beebe of Newsweek; Thomas Deegan and William Berns, NY World's Fair; Charles Foltz, Jr., and Marvin Stone, US News & World Report; Mrs. Dorothy Schiff, NY Post; Richard McGowan, NY Daily News; Robert Sherrod, SatEvePost; Ed Wergeles, Forbes; Dan Kurzman, Washington Post.

Also there were: Don Carter, National Observer; Alvadee and John B. Adams, U.S. Lady; Lee Hills, Miami Herald; Francis Lara, AFP; John Leacacos, Cleveland Plain Dealer; Walter Lippman, NY Herald Tribune Syndicate; Samuel Lesch, Dow Jones News Service; Alvin Silverman, Cleveland Plain Dealer; Jessie Stearns, Columbus Dispatch; Esther Van Wagoner Tufty of Tufty News Bureau.

Government officials present included USIA's Donald Wilson; William O. Douglas of the US Supreme Court; Ambassador Angier Biddle Duke, chief of protocol; and Frank Tao from the Chinese Embassy.

MEXICO CITY...from JAIME PLENN

The foreign press provided Mexico police here with a murder mystery last week as clues were sought in the slaying of Time-Life circulation mgr. Angel Loza Gordillo.

Robert Mulholland, NBC - News Chicago, and wife, and Ross Hazeltine, also NBC, visiting here . . . Bob Davis, Seattle Post-Intelligencer travel editor, signed in at Foreign Press Club.

Copley chain production director G. Howard Matson donated a newspaper training film to USIS here . . . Off on a West Coast assignment were NBC's David Weber and Tor Eigeland, photographer who just returned from Hong Kong.

Elsa W. Gilbert lingered here after covering recent Internat'l Chamber of Commerce convention; she was interviewed on local English-language radio by Edna Tatspauh . . . Chicago Daily News' Gerry Robichaud back to home base after 7-week LatAm tour.

Robert Yegge and J. More Ferguson registered here from the Denver Press Club . . . Recent Canadian visitors were Donald Hartford, Radio CTAC veep and gen. mgr., and Frank Swanson, publisher of Calgary Herald.

Grand Opera Concert

Overseas Press Club members are invited to attend a grand opera concert, Wednesday, June 12, at 8 p.m., in the National Republican Club, Biltmore Hotel by Jim Yarnall. There will be no admission charge for OPC members and friends. Artists of the Grand Opera Foundation of New Jersey will make up the cast.

Joe Peters Reports On Yugoslavia, Tues. 11th

Joseph C. Peters, OPC's undisputed specialist on Yugoslavia, will take a night out of his home-leave to give fellow-members and their guests a thorough briefing on Yugoslavia, Tito and the Balkans, at an Open House program this Tuesday, June 11.

Peters is one of only two fully-accredited American correspondents in Belgrade, where he has represented McGraw-Hill News and Business International during the past three years.

Earlier, Peters was AP correspondent for Vienna and the Balkans, and represented INS, *American Weekly* and other publications in Belgrade, Prague and other parts of Eastern Europe. He also has to his credit editing and publishing a local newspaper in New York State, and doing sports for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

While on his last job in New York, he was Chairman of OPC's Committee on External Events - and members still recall "those days" as something to talk about.

Joe has also contributed to *Life*, *Coronet*, and the *N.Y. Times Magazine*.

Here is a chance to get inside on events in a very complex and critical area of the world. Make reservations at once.

SHUTDOWN (Cont'd from page 1)

dom of the Press Committee; Ruth Hagy Brod as chairman of the Youth and Student Program Committee; Anita Diamant Burke as chairman of the Book Night Committee; and William A. Berns as chairman of the World's Fair Committee.

Vice President Yolen was also named to the Executive Committee of the Board.

The board voted to name a legal committee to plan amendments to the constitution, and to authorize appointment of Edward L. Bernays and other outstanding figures in the public relations fields in an advisory role on aims and obligations of the Club.

John McVane, chairman of the Awards Dinner Committee, reported a final count of ticket sales at 957, with revenue from the dinner of \$22,700 expected to realize approximately \$7,000 in revenue for the Overseas Press Club Foundation.

A report from James W. Michaels, chairman of the "Dateline" Committee, indicated an estimated profit in excess of \$6,000 for the Club.

Plans for an expenditure of \$100,000 for rebuilding of the fourth floor of the clubhouse, to provide top quality facilities for press conferences with outstanding newsmakers, were revealed in the president's report. (Cont'd on pg. 7)

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Asians (also) Astute At 'News Management', Reporter Says

By ALBERT AXELBANK

(NANA and Washington Star writer, former UPI correspondent in Japan, and UPI bureau manager on Formosa.)

TOKYO—Asian news management is big business; almost every country in the Orient practices it. Its victims are frequently the indigenous reporters whose aggressive qualities are sometimes blunted by rigid press controls or more stringent means to keep the local press "in line."

In the "war" for people's minds, governments throughout Asia—with a few noble exceptions—use various methods to manipulate news and throttle reporters, be they locals or for-



Axelbank

igners. The growing number of American and other foreign correspondents who have been kicked out of Asian countries is pretty much an indication that these newsmen have succeeded in peeling off some of the layers of government propaganda that are spread over most major events in the Orient. Consequently, these correspondents have become "unwelcome."

Press Freedom

The indigenous newsmen, whose spadework often results in scoops for their foreign co-workers, cannot of course be deported. Instead, there are the police stations to intimidate them—or the jails to house the incorrigible.

Japan, the Philippines and Hong Kong are, it should be noted, a few glowing exceptions in Asia where press freedom flourishes. Indeed, Japan enjoys so much press freedom that sometimes disgruntled politicians attack the press, calling it "biased." Ex-Premier Kishi of Japan blamed much of his political woes on an "unfriendly" press.

At least two key factors play an important role in Asian news management. One is the Asian reporter—the other the Asian news agency.

Oriental Reporters

By and large, the indigenous newsmen in Asia is a peerless journalist, an aggressive reporter, a man—or woman—fluent in at least two, and sometimes four and five languages. As is the case in other fields, the Oriental reporter usually has more in common with his foreign colleagues than his own nationals in other professions.

But he is handicapped. In South Korea, he is liable to be arrested if he writes

something the military junta doesn't like; in Nationalist China he can be arrested or kidnaped—there have been cases of both happening on Formosa during the past two years. In countries such as Indonesia and South Viet Nam, reporters are up against tight press controls which inhibit their news gathering abilities. However, many foreign publications or agencies still depend for news on their Asian employees.

Communist journalists apparently have their problems too. One Red Chinese newsmen got so tired of peddling the party line for a Chinese paper in Hong Kong, that—so the story goes—he defected and is presently living, and writing, in London.

Foreign Correspondents

Foreign correspondents of course are not immune. Numerous American and other foreign newsmen have been tossed out of such places as Indonesia, South Korea and South Viet Nam. Moreover, American correspondents in the latter have recently been so defamed by the Saigon government that Secretary of State Dean Rusk felt obliged to come to their defense.

Government-controlled news agencies are multiplying in Asia and are a favorite means of manipulating the news. Such nations as Indonesia, South and North Korea, South and North Viet Nam, and Nationalist and Communist China have them. For manufacturing news, these government-owned agencies can be an excellent vehicle.

Bylines

Asian reporters who work for foreign news agencies and newspapers sometimes risk their necks in tracking down a story and will prudently have the foreign correspondent who works with them affix his byline to the finished article to "take full responsibility." After all, for a foreign correspondent to be ejected from most Asian countries is hardly a disgrace. Rather, it is usually proof that there is a lack of press freedom whence he came.

More than one Asian reporter has come to me during the past four years and said, "I have a story that I can't handle, but I think that you can." Many of my Western colleagues have had similar experiences.

Strengthen Staffs

All of which might lead to the conclusion that the best counter to news management in the Orient is the influx of more correspondents from the United States, Europe and elsewhere. (With the realization, however, that much of the grist for these stories is supplied by Asian reporters.)

Ideally, the American and other foreign wire service staffs in Asia ought to be strengthened, and every major metropolitan daily in the U.S. and Europe should have its own correspondent in the leading capitals of Asia.

The foreign reporter who likes to dig for facts will surely find a fertile field in the Orient.

PEOPLE & PLACES

TRAVELING: **Dan Kurzman**, Washington Post, back from three weeks in Haiti, covering the crisis there.... **John Groth** off to East Africa on drawing and painting assignments for Esquire and Sports Illustrated.... **Robert Letts Jones**, Copley Newspapers v.p., back from two weeks in Peru, during which he conferred with **Lou Stein**, Copley News correspondent in Rio de Janeiro who has been declared persona non grata by the Brazilian government.... **B. Wierzbianski**, ed. in chief of Foreign News Service, off to Stockholm, Germany and England.... **Les Barry**, travel ed. of Popular Photography, left for Europe last week to tour the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and Sweden.

ARTICLES: **Joseph F. Wilkinson's** article on the pros and cons of co-operative apartments in June Pageant.... **Mechanix Illustrated** for June has piece on femme swindlers by **James S. Winchester**.

BOOKS: **Ben Lucien Berman's** "The Generals Wear Cork Hats" due in September via **Dick Taplinger's** Publishing Co.... **Autobiography of Ted Lamb** "No Lamb for Slaughter," being published by Harcourt, Brace and World, Inc.

LECTURES: **Larry LeSueur** addressed the President's Committee on Employment for the Handicapped, making dedication speech to "The Handicapped American of the Year," David Hall, of Green Bay, Wis.

HONORS: **Joseph B. Scholnick**, contributing editor of Argosy, awarded medal by the Comite National des Vins de France given to "foreign personalities who have distinguished themselves in promoting the sale of French wines in foreign markets."

NEW POSTS: **Dr. Henry A. Singer**, formerly exec. veep of American Nobel Memorial Foundation, named exec. director of the Society for Advancement of Management which is observing its golden anniversary this year.... **Christina Kirk** elected president of the Newspaper Women's Club, succeeding Kitty Hanson. Chris, formerly of the Herald Tribune, has transferred to the Daily News, assigned to features.

LETTERS

Editor, *Bulletin*:

A recent letter to the *Bulletin* states that the OPC was "barely saved" from public embarrassment "by the vigilance and prompt action" of certain members of the Club.

It is encouraging to note that the Overseas Press Club has created a Vigilance Committee for the protection of its politically naive members.

The next step is the announcement that the OPC has incorporated itself with the John Birch Society. And for this we can hardly wait.

Too long have foreign correspondents been "honoring" controversial figures with drinks, lunch or dinner. The flimsy excuse that the reporter can dig facts or a deeper depth of background in a more relaxed atmosphere will no long suffice.

Having been "saved" from Cheddi Jagan's table manners, the Vigilance Committee should prepare a list of all political suspects. This will prevent us kids from falling into doctrinal error.

To publicly express their agreement with the V.C. (and to keep the ax from falling on their necks — indications are strong the Committee has infiltrated the Board of Governors), all OPC members should be permitted to submit their own nominations.

With the heavy knowledge of the weight of my responsibilities, I offer Chiang Kai-shek and accused communist Romula Betancourt of Venezuela.

Should any of the rascals named cross our sacrosanct threshold and be offered bread or wine, then the Vigilance Committee should resign . . . again.

But this time make it stick!

George Natanson
Mexican Bureau
Los Angeles Times

Editor, *Bulletin*:

The time has come for the Overseas Press Club to be courageous enough and to have the integrity to end the annual awards, which have as their objective a dinner to raise money for us. The price we pay in distorted and dishonest values is too high. Actually, the Club hasn't the facilities for such selection, nor is it in a position to do so fairly.

For instance, any awards for old-fashioned reporting and the unearthing of major news events, good for our people, that this year does not include such columnists as Edith Kermit Roosevelt and Paul Scott, is a cruel farce. Unfortunately, because they do not appear in Manhattan, and because they are incontrovertibly correct on so-called "controversial" matters, they

seem out of the running. This is a reflection against our Club, and our honor, not against them.

If anyone doubts what I say, let him or her look up these columns.

If we are not able to do the right thing, let us at least not do the wrong.

Edward Hunter

Editor, *Bulletin*:

I would like to add a belated protest to the recent OPC decision to bar "unfriendly persons" from Club press conferences.

It is discouraging when the press shows fear of ideas.

I became an OPC member just a year ago. I have never lived in New York and am working now in Brazil. My attendance at OPC press conferences is pretty limited. I know none of the individuals involved in this dispute.

But I am disturbed to see such a trend in a club to which I belong. I wonder if the Club is a place where newsmen meet and question world leaders and persons in the news or, rather, a drinking place for persons who like to be in some spotlight — no matter how dim it be.

Surely there are many other progressive journalists who are eager to hear such men as Dr. Cheddi Jagan and to question them. I can't believe OPCers will stand by for this mockery of democratic principles.

Isn't there anything we can do to reverse this totalitarian trend?

Joseph Sims

POPE (Cont'd from page 1)

ABC: Lou Cioffi, chief European correspondent, Bill Sheehan, John Casserly, Jack Begon, and others.

The newsmagazines were on the ready in the States and on Tuesday newsstands were full of the cover pix of the late Pope.

Time's coverers included Dmitri Kessel, Robert Ajemian, Robert E. Jackson and Robert B. Kaiser.

Newsweek's Rome bureau chief, Curtis G. Pepper is backstopped by Emmet John Hughes (for cover story from New York), and Larry Collins.

Scores of other newsmen and women were on hand to give a world-wide answer to the cynical question attributed to Stalin: "And how many divisions does the Pope have?"

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Newspaper Women Stress Aggressive Journalism on 'Ladies Of The Press'

By MARY HORNADAY,
(*Christian Science Monitor*)

Some of the nation's top newspaper women are stressing "aggressive journalism" in a pioneer TV series titled, "Ladies of the Press."



Mary Hornaday

Producer and moderator of the weekly program, occupying prime TV time on WOR-TV in N.Y. City, is *Clifford Evans*, a veteran of the New York newspaper field and more recently producer-reporter for the

NBC "Today" show. Started last October, "Ladies of the Press" is now also seen in Los Angeles on Station KHJ.

In a completely unrehearsed half-hour show, the women reporters have furnished headline-making news while conducting their interviews with top national and international figures. In addition, Mr. Evans believes they have shown the television viewing public that they "are capable of handling the major news stories of the day with the same authority, integrity and probity as any first-rate reporters."

Treated to the news gals' scalpels have been prime ministers, UN ambassadors, cabinet officials and outstanding personages on the international, national and local scenes.

Prominent Guests

Among the guests who have "made" news on "Ladies of the Press" have been Algeria's Prime Minister Ahmed ben Bella; Allen W. Dulles, former Director of the C.I.A., making his first statement on the Bay of Pigs; UN Under-Secretary Ralph J. Bunche, who decried the absence of a Negro in the President's Cabinet and on the U.S. Supreme Court bench; Michigan's Governor Romney, U.S. Senator Wayne Morse, Cuba's former President Urrutia, and Alexander Kerensky who headed the Russian Government as President when the Romanoff dynasty fell during the Russian Revolution.

Format for the program is a revolving panel of three news women who, as they are individually introduced by Mr. Evans, ask questions in turn of a public personage seated eight feet away. No question is barred and though the program is videotaped, questions and replies are not edited. Mr. Evans is heard on the program only occasionally, either to bring out a news point more strongly or to pin down the interviewee a little more firmly.

In all the years he can remember, Mr. Evans says this is the first time he knows that newspaper women have been treated with top respect on TV. At the same time, news women who have participated on "Ladies of the Press," admit to having been jerked up to new high standards in journalism—spending their days off in the office morgue or the public library looking up the personages they are to interview, always conscious of the fact that "Ladies of the Press" practices "aggressive journalism."

Turn-About

Twice around the year end, once at Christmas time and again the following week, Mr. Evans turned the tables and, instead of inviting an outside personality as a guest, interviewed the newspaper women. On one program he asked them to assess the year just gone, and on the other program he asked them to make predictions of things to come in 1963 on various news fronts: Washington, United Nations, overseas, medicine, integration, education, etc.

After his guest for the week has been selected, Mr. Evans goes to work and selects the three newspaper women who will comprise the panel on that week's program. He strives for two things: knowledgeability, first; and then, balance. With balance in mind, the "Ladies of the Press" panel often has been integrated. Several times, *Marguerite Cartwright*, a UN writer for the Pittsburgh Courier, has been used, not only because she is a Negro but also as a competent newspaper woman.

When Jackie Robinson was scheduled to be the guest at the height of the James Meredith trouble at the University of Mississippi, "Ladies of the Press" paid the way of Sidna Brower, editor of *The Mississippian*, to appear as newspaper woman on the panel of the program.

Probing Questions

His respect for women reporters, Mr. Evans says, dates back to when as a reporter for the *N.Y. Herald Tribune*, *N.Y. World-Telegram* and *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, he competed with them for stories. In their simple direct way, he says, he found women sometimes asking questions the men would hesitate to ask. One such instance on "Ladies of the Press," he recalls, was when Gay Pauley of UPI, in a sympathetic tone asked Sen. John L. McClellan about his ways of renewing faith when the going was rough and in view of much personal tragedy. Sen. McClellan hesitated a long time and Evans began to call for a question from the next panelist when it became evident that despite the long pause, the Senator wanted to answer the question. He went on to give

an inspirational answer that was truly moving.

Another time, one of the news gals asked James A. Farley pointedly why in all his years in politics, he had never run for elective office. "Because I never was nominated," Mr. Farley confessed.

Women Guests

While most of the people interviewed on "Ladies of the Press" have been men, there has been no discrimination against women guests. Guests have included: Israel's Foreign Minister Golda Meir, Assistant Secretary of Labor, Esther Peterson and Judge Anna M. Kross, New York Commissioner of Correction.

Newspaper women on the panel of "Ladies of the Press" have represented the Associated Press, United Press International, Agence France Presse, Hearst Headline Service, *New York Times*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *N.Y. Herald Tribune*, *N.Y. World-Telegram and Sun*, *N.Y. Journal-American*, *N.Y. Post*, *N.Y. News*, *N.Y. Mirror*, *London Observer*, *Sioux City, Ia. Journal*, *Washington, D.C., Post*, *White Plains Reporter-Dispatch*, and *Pittsburgh Courier*.

Newspaper women have included: *Inez Robb*, *Irene Corbally Kuhn*, *Mary Hornaday*, *Fern Marja Eckman*, *Marguerite Higgins*, *Gwen Gibson*, *Joyce Egginton*, *Kathleen Teltsch*, *Anne Weill Tuckerman*, *Marguerite Cartwright*, *Kitty Hanson*, *Gay Pauley*, *Joy Miller*, *Claire Curran*, *Marya Mannes*, *Kay Gardella*, *Joan Cook*, *Georgiana O'Kane*, *Beverly Gary*, *Millicent P. Hearst*, *Elaine Shepard*, *Nina Jones*, *Anita Ehrman*, *Ruth Nathan*, *Lois Pearson*, *Pat McCormack*, and *Harriet Stix*.

McGurn Tribute To Pope

OPC prexy, *Barrett McGurn* probably the only man broadcasting a tribute to Pope John XXIII at the moment of the Pontiff's death.

Since McGurn had known Pope John well during 13 years' coverage of the Vatican and Rome, *Ed Joyce* had invited him on his CBS "Speak Up" program.

The invitation had been extended when Vatican doctors had given the Pope only hours to live, for a tribute to the Pope's memory.

The Pope's life was still ebbing away when McGurn went on the air. He recalled human interest stories about the Pope, and answered questions from listeners.

The program was seconds away from its finish, when *Ernest Weatherall*, writer for the show, signaled that the program had been taken off the air for a news flash.

The announcement was that Pope John had just died.